

March 20, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Fuelling, Hoehn, Curtis, and Higgins attending. Others attending were Supt. Gray; Attorney Higgins; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Comm. Dieterle; Tom Hogan – Johnson Controls, Inc; Larry Haag – Bernardin Lochmueller & Associates; John Taylor – PCEDP; Nancy Sexton; Larry Williams; Pam Robinson – Mount Vernon Democrat; Lois Gray – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Chairman.

Chairman Curtis stated for the past few months they have been discussing capital improvement programs for the immediate and long term. They have some developments in the works and there is a potential for more industry – planning is on the front burner. He added Larry Haag of BLA is here tonight as well as Tom Hogan of JCI, and they have some planning contracts that they would like to present to the Board during New Business.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for New Business.

Mr. Hogan stated it seems like forever since he has been here, but that being said, it is amazing what this team has done with Mount Vernon from 2005 until now. They have done the meter design project, plant and design issues, a filter system that was literally rusting in the parking lot, infrastructure work, a \$15M Phase III scope of work.....the list goes on. He then stated some items were removed from Phase III as they were not critical and there was no payment stream. As a result, Phase IV was tabled. Phase III was the intakes. There is a great partnership here between Mount Vernon and JCI and as a result, they have revitalized Mount Vernon and its water system, which is now the crown jewel of Indiana. Not to mention the awesome local labor and work force that was utilized in these projects. He then stated there are great developments ahead. In 2003 they sized the plant for development and as a result, they no longer have to turn business away. The plant is good, the intakes are good, and the electrical and hydraulic systems are good as well. He stated they are now ready for Phase IV scope of work. When they installed the two Trident filters, they knew they needed more, and Phase IV will provide for additional filter units. They will finish the water storage tank, upgrade the SCADA system, update the building and make improvements to HVAC and LED. He added BLA has done a lot of work for the wastewater treatment plant and JCI has done work for the water department, they will now collaborate on this phase as a project.

Larry Haag stated this really is the perfect storm.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Haag continued by stating that is a former IDEM inspector, during the city's KROFTA days. He added the city is now prepared for the next step and future growth. He is excited with this super fast timeline and excited to all be working together.

Mr. Hogan stated in the last three Project Development Agreements, they have had a cold feet clause, but he feels this is more like a family arrangement and with this PDA there will be a 100% development risk all on JCI. He added he would be embarrassed to ask for a cold feet clause now.

Board member Curtis stated he has in writing that the city will be out \$0 – it is in the agreement.

Mr. Hogan stated they would like to get started as soon as possible, as soon as the agreement is signed. He asked if there were any questions?

There were none.

Board member Curtis moved Board allowed Mayor Tucker to sign the PDA, after legal review by Attorney Higgins, as soon as possible. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Board voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – yes; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hogan thanked the Board.

Board member Curtis stated he appreciates JCI and BLA representatives making the trip down to Mount Vernon on such short notice.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains motion to adjourn.

Board member Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

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Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Comm. Dieterle stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated he has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

John Taylor of the PCEDP approached and stated Councilman Curtis is a member of their transportation committee and currently their number one project is the need for a western by-pass. He added there is more and more traffic coming to the city as businesses continue to grow. Everyday there are 1398 semis a day in this community, from businesses in this community. As Mount Vernon continues to grow, especially with the fertilizer plant coming, that number will only grow. There is no region in the state with the development possibilities that Mount Vernon has right now and he is very confident in all of the projects they are working on right now. The fertilizer plant project will have a \$14B impact and they are working on one that will have nearly an \$8B impact, and other businesses are expanding as well. During construction of the fertilizer plant, traffic will be more of a mess than it is right now – right through the middle of the community. He added he is putting together a group of folks to go to Indianapolis to plead the community's case for the by-pass. Of course everyone in Indianapolis says they know what we are dealing with, but they truly do not know. He then stated the State says it has no money for this until at least 2018, but the Governor can contact the head of INDOT to get the ball rolling and get the money freed up. He added right now there are people banging on the door to come here – Posey County is open for business. He then stated they need to grow Evansville and Mount Vernon together to take care of future growth which is all a part of economic development. He further stated Posey County does not have a business park and as a result, has lost a lot of projects because of it. He also added Posey County lacks available decent buildings for manufacturing. The fertilizer plant is the most significant thing to happen to this community. If folks think they have a hard time now getting onto 4th Street from a side street, just wait.

Councilman Curtis stated he has enjoyed his short time on the committee so far and everything Mr. Taylor is talking about effects every governmental entity in the County. He stated the City has to be really involved and this is a great vehicle, he is very impressed.

Mr. Taylor stated they are wanting 20 to 30 minutes with the Governor to discuss the tremendous traffic flow issues. But all in all, the things that are happening are going to be really good.

Councilman Curtis added along these same lines he wants people living in Mount Vernon as well as just working here.

Mr. Taylor thanked the Council for the opportunity to update them.

Mayor Tucker added there is also talk of the Ethanol plant starting back up.

Mr. Taylor replied that is also included in their information.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?
There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she would like to give special thanks to Brittaney Johnson – their RiverDays banner didn't win the competition, but she and Kay Kilgore are ready for next year.

Mayor Tucker stated he received a call from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs and the City of Mount Vernon is one of six finalists for the Stellar Grant. He asked that everyone keep their fingers crossed. This year they will be giving out two grants.

Councilwoman Higgins stated she has been getting calls about W. 8th Street.

Mayor Tucker stated the work going on there is part of the Safe Routes to School, a 100% INDOT grant with no city match. There will be sidewalks put in from West School down W. 8th Street to around the Mill Street area. He then stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Curtis moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

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